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Public Comment Period Further Extended for Tesoro's Refinery Integration Project

South Coast Air Quality Management District officials today announced an additional 17-day extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and proposed Title V permit revision for the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance (LARIC) project at their two refineries in Carson and Wilmington. The comment period previously scheduled to end on May 24 will now end on June 10 for both the draft EIR and the proposed Title V permit revision.

"During the SCAQMD public meeting this week on the Tesoro LARIC project, many local residents requested an extension of the comment period," said Wayne Nastri, SCAQMD's acting executive officer. "Therefore we have decided to grant a second extension of time for the comment period." Tesoro also expressed a desire to provide more time for the public to learn about the LARIC project, Nastri said.

SCAQMD officials had previously extended the 45-day draft EIR comment period to 77 days and the 31-day proposed Title V permit revision comment period to 71 days. This latest extension will provide 94 days to review the draft EIR and 88 days to review the proposed Title V permit revisions, more than double what is required by law.

The Tesoro LARIC Project will integrate the adjacent Carson and Wilmington operations into one refinery and remove, add and modify a number of processes. The draft EIR and the proposed Title V permit revision can be found on SCAQMD's website at www.aqmd.gov/home/library/documents-support-material/lead-agency-permit-projects.

The Draft EIR examines in detail potential environmental impacts from the project. The proposed Title V permit is a federal operating permit required under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties.